

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST CONTINUATION SHEET
U.S. 301 SOUTH CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Property Name: St. Matthew's Church
Survey No.: CH-186 (PACS CT77)

Property Address 10577 Charles Street, La Plata, Charles County

Owner Name/Address Trustees of St. Matthew's Church, La Plata, MD

Year Built circa 1880

Description:

The St. Matthew's Church was previously surveyed by the Maryland Historical Trust; the date of the survey is unknown. Since the time of the previous survey there have been no changes to the property.

National Register Evaluation:

St. Matthew's Church, constructed circa 1880, was previously surveyed by the Maryland Historical Trust. The property is eligible for the National Register under Criterion A, as a representative example of an historic 19th century African-American church in continuous use. The church represents a continuum of religious and community activity for the local African-American community since the late nineteenth century, and the congregation is one of the few remaining African-American congregations in its original building in the area. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. The church is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an undistinctive example of a rural church and it has experienced a loss of historic siding materials. In addition, the installation of adhesive applied veneer brick has introduced an architectural element out of character with the original design. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D. The associated cemetery does not meet Criteria Consideration D, as historic research indicates that the site does not contain graves of persons of transcendent importance, nor does it contain grave markers of distinctive design. In addition, the site has no association with historic events or broad patterns of history and has no potential to yield important information.

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The National Register boundaries of St. Matthew's Church follow the current property lines of the property on 10577 Charles Street (Charles County Tax Map 44, Parcel 237). This approximately 0.07 hectare (0.17 acre) parcel is bounded on the north, south, and west by adjacent tax parcels and on the east by Charles Street. The boundary includes the church and the non-contributing cemetery.

MHT CONCURRENCE:

Eligibility ☒ recommended ☐ not recommended

Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments:

Suzanne Pickens

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

07/21/1997

Date

Reviewer, NR program

Date

Preparer:

P.A.C. Spero & Company
September 1996

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U.S. 301 SOUTH CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Property Name: St. Matthew's Church
Survey No.: CH-186 (PACS C177)

Property Address 10577 Charles Street, La Plata, Charles County

Owner Name/Address Trustees of St. Matthew's Church, La Plata, MD

Year Built circa 1880

Description:

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National Register Evaluation:

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MHT CONCURRENCE:

Eligibility ☒ recommended ☐ not recommended

Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments:

[Signature] 10/21/99
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

Reviewer, NR program

Date

Preparer:

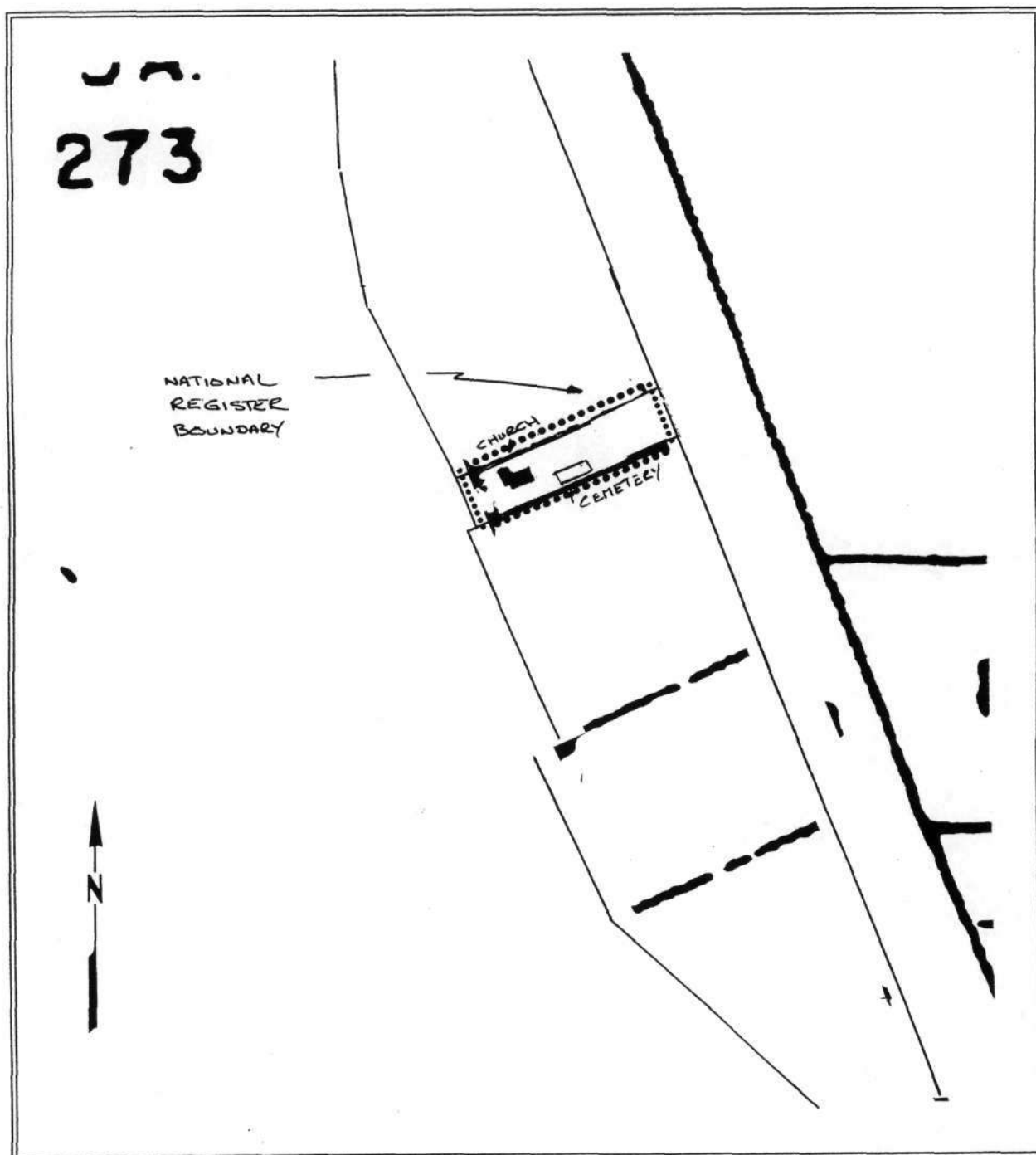
P.A.C. Spero & Company
September 1996

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Owner Name/Address Trustees of St. Matthew's Church, La Plata, MD

Year Built circa 1880

Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



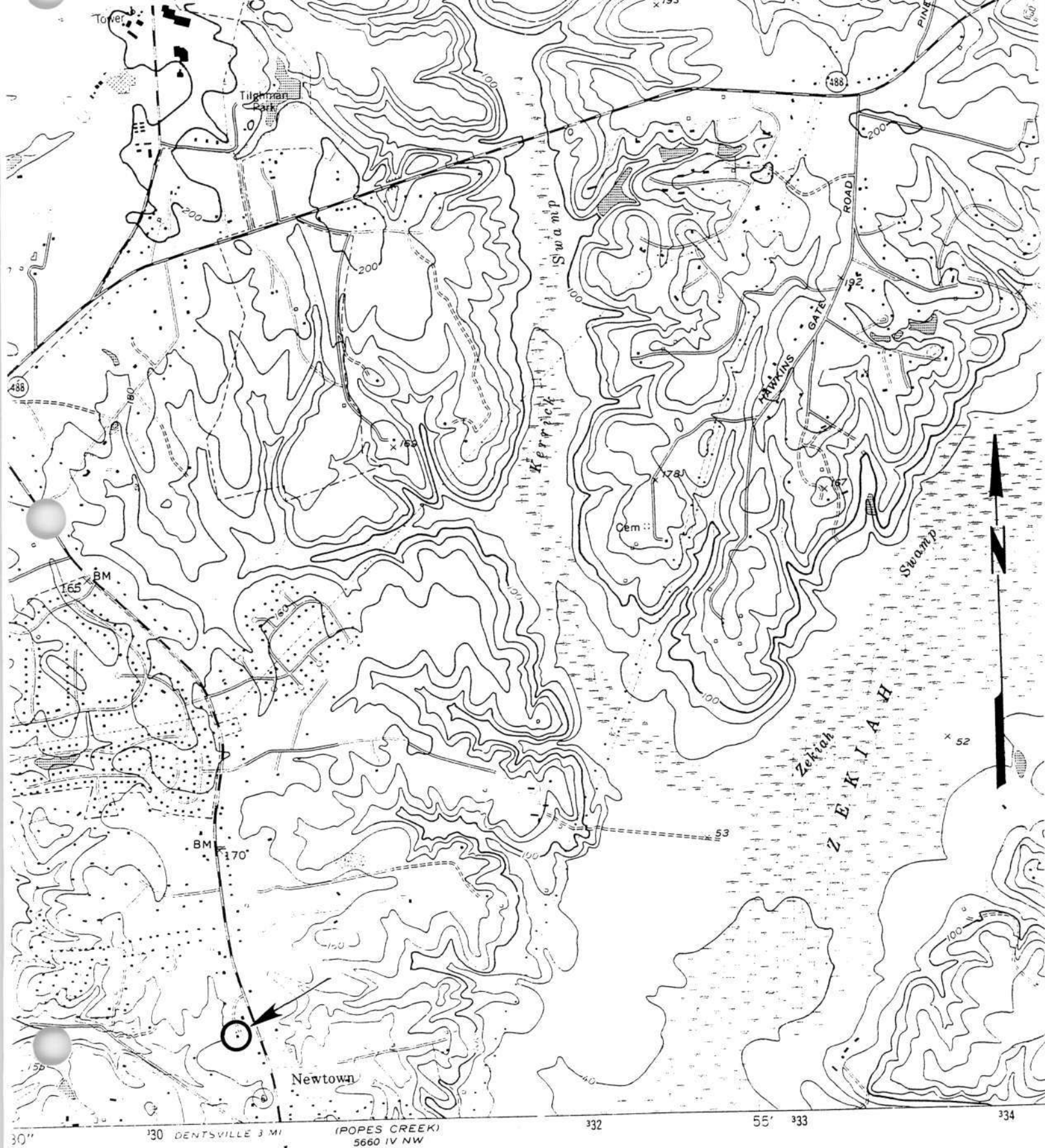
U.S. 301 South Corridor
Transportation Study

Survey # C177, CH186

Property Name St. Matthew's Church

Town/County La Plata / Charles Co.

Quadrangle La Plata



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- 1 CH-186
- 2 St Matthews Church, Charles Countr, MD
- 3 Bryan McKay 9/96
- 4 P.A.C Spero and Company, 40 west
Chesapeake Ave, #412 Baltimore, MD 21204
- 5 10577 Charles Street, East elevation
of church, West View
- 6 1 of 3



- 1 CH-186
- 2 St. Matthew's Church; Charles County, MD
- 3 Bryan McKay, 9/96
- 4 P.A.C. Spero & Company, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave, Ste 412, Baltimore, MD 21204
- 5 10577 Charles Street North elevation of Church South View
- 6 2 of 3



- 1 CH-186
 - 2 St. Matthew's Church
Charles County, MD
 - 3 Bran Dicker 1996
 - 4 P.A.C. Spero & Company, Inc. 501 Crossroads
Ave., #200, Gaithersburg, MD 20878
 - 5 10577 Charles Street South and
west elevations of Church
 - 6 Northwest View
- 3 of 3

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MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME			
COMMON: ST. MATTHEWS AT NEWTOWN			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: (La Plata NewMarket Road) S. SIDE MD. RTE. 6 AT NEWTOWN			
CITY OR TOWN: APPROX 2 mi. EAST of LA PLATA			
STATE MD.	CODE	COUNTY: CHAS.	CODE
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC			
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	STATE:
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Chas. Co.			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: La Plata	STATE: Md.	CODE	COUNTY:
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:			
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	ENTRY NUMBER
			DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Frame \leq asbestos shingles
 3 bays at E & W walls. Faces
 N. - windows plain gothic arch \leq 2
 panes with the top $\frac{1}{2}$ stained \leq lead
 quarrels.
 "A" Roof
 brick + mortar pilais foundation
 Bell tower N end front interior
 \leq peaked pyramid roof
 frt. doors dbl. + centered
 Some (but few) hewn timbers -
 rest appears mill sawn. Said to
 have been "rolled" here many years
 ago from another site approx $\frac{3}{4}$ mi.
 down the road.
 Good example of typical So.
 Md. Negro church.
 Faces Rte 6 approx $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. E
 of LaPlata on S. side of said road.

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N. R. FIELD SHEET

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	°	'	"		°	'	"	
NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <i>Spencer</i>		
ORGANIZATION <i>MHT</i>	DATE <i>8/28</i>	
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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